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A LETTER

ADDRESSED TO THE



WIDE-SPREADING JOHN BULL FAMILY,

ON THE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

OF

OUR LATE ENLIGHTENED MONARCH

GEORGE THE FOURTH,

IN ANSWER TO SOME SCURRILOUS REMARKS WHICH HAVE LATELY
ISSUED FROM POLITICAL SPLEEN, AND A LOW AMBITION
OF MOB POPULARITY.

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P R E F A C E.

For the benefit of John Bull's wide spreading and party-coloured family, and from my inexpressible gratitude to our late truly great and enlightened monarch, George IV., for boldly persevering in those *wise* and *energetic Councils*, that broke the *magic spell* of Bonaparte's influence, and thus rescued Europe from a state of military thralldom never before heard of, and which, I hope and trust, we shall never see again, I have written the following Critique, intending thereby to show how necessary it is (and particularly in these radical times,) for all *prudent* persons to think for themselves, instead of giving implicit credit to the Jacobin trash and lies that are in hourly circulation at all Radical meetings, whether denominated private or public clubs, or

which appear in a more respectable and tangible form in the monthly Magazines, and the daily and weekly Journals. For all these publications being more or less tinged with *party politics*, it requires great circumspection on the part of the reader to separate the good from the bad, the dross from the sterling metal, and more especially in what are called the Radical Press Newspapers, as these are much less cautious in separating truth from fiction, from a violent party wish, if not a malignant one, to court the applause of the populace, by representing Tories of the highest rank and respectability in such *low mob slang*, and accompanied by such malevolent and false assertions, as is most likely to increase their Radical Election Popularity.

Wherefore, after the above caution, as our late excellent and enlightened Monarch, George IV. to whom, for the last sixteen years, Europe is so much indebted for its long peace and tranquillity, has (to please the Radicals) been most *grossly misrepresented*, I hope, and without incurring the charge of vanity, I shall be excused in re-printing, *verbatim*, a Poetical Likeness of

our late revered King, George IV., as it was written and printed by me soon after the glorious battle of Waterloo. Because it will show, when compared with the incredible, vulgar extract in Mr. M. P. Edward Bulwer's *New Monthly* for November, that, however high in rank, and whatever public services he may have rendered to his native country in particular, and the world at large, no great man, if a *Tory*, whether military or civil, King or subject, can escape the most artful, wicked, and heart-rending detraction from those Radical Whig Writers and Orators, whose democratic politics are diametrically opposite, and this, too, however moderate his *Tory* principles may be. But having so said, I shall now take the liberty of setting before the public my Poetical, and, I flatter myself (being an Independent Man) my *just* and *true* Likeness of George IV., that great and enlightened British Monarch, who, boldly defying all danger from manfully opposing the European despot, (though still an idol of the populace,) encouraged the great Potentates of Europe, by uniting together, and placing Great Britain at